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Designating November 1989 and November 1990 as "National Alzheimer's Disease Month".

Whereas more than two and one-half million Americans are affected by Alzheimer's disease, which is a surprisingly common disorder that destroys certain vital cells of the brain;

Whereas Alzheimer's disease is the fourth leading cause of death among older Americans;

Whereas Alzheimer's disease is responsible for 45 per centum of all nursing home admissions, at an annual cost of more than $80,000,000,000;

Whereas in one-third of all American families one parent will succumb to this disease;

Whereas Alzheimer's disease is not a normal consequence of aging; and

Whereas an increase in the national awareness of the problem of Alzheimer's Disease and recognition of national organizations such as the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association and the American Health Assistance Foundation may stimulate the interest and concern of the American people, which may lead, in turn, to increased research and eventually to the discovery of a cure for Alzheimer's disease: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That November 1989 and November 1990 are designated as "National Alzheimer's Disease Month". The President is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such months with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved December 5, 1989.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 16:

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